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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/54/605/Add.2)*]

54/181. Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/154 of 9 December 1998 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1999/68 of 28 April 1999[1] on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights, as well as Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998 on the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations,

Reaffirming its commitment to promoting international cooperation, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 1, paragraph 3, as well as relevant provisions of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,[2] for enhancing genuine cooperation among Member States in the field of human rights,

Recognizing that the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights is essential for the full achievement of the purposes of the United Nations, including the effective promotion and protection of all human rights,

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[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1999, Supplement No. 3* (E/1999/23), chap. II, sect. A.

[2] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

Reaffirming the importance of ensuring the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues, and underlining the importance of the promotion of dialogue on human rights issues,

Noting the adoption of resolution 1999/25 of 26 August 1999, entitled "Promotion of dialogue on human rights issues", by the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights of the Commission on Human Rights[3] at its fifty-first session,[4] and noting the decision of the Subcommission to consider the question of a dialogue among civilizations at its fifty-second session,

1. *Welcomes* the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to continue to consider the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights at its fifty-sixth session;

2. *Calls upon* Members States, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations to continue to carry out a constructive dialogue and consultations for the enhancement of understanding and the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages non-governmental organizations to contribute actively to this endeavour;

3. *Invites* States and all relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures to continue to pay attention to the importance of mutual cooperation, understanding and dialogue in ensuring the promotion and protection of all human rights;

4. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question at its fifty-fifth session.

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[3] Formerly known as the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

[4] See E/CN.4/2000/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1999/54, chap. II, sect. A.